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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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Cleodis Bassette  
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Plaintiff(s),

vs.

Addison Police Department Detective S. Bjes #367  
In his official and individual capacity

Defendant(s).

15CV6692  
JUDGE KENNELLY  
MAG. JUDGE COX

**COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS**

*This form complaint is designed to help you, as a pro se plaintiff, state your case in a clear manner. Please read the directions and the numbered paragraphs carefully. Some paragraphs may not apply to you. You may cross out paragraphs that do not apply to you. All references to "plaintiff" and "defendant" are stated in the singular but will apply to more than one plaintiff or defendant if that is the nature of the case.*

1. This is a claim for violation of plaintiff's civil rights as protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, 1985, and 1986.
2. The court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1343 and 1367.
3. Plaintiff's full name is Cleodis Bassette.

*If there are additional plaintiffs, fill in the above information as to the first-named plaintiff and complete the information for each additional plaintiff on an extra sheet.*

4. Defendant, Detective S. Bjes #367, is  
(name, badge number if known)

☒ an officer or official employed by Addison IL police department;  
(department or agency of government)  
\_\_\_\_\_ or

☐ an individual not employed by a governmental entity.

***If there are additional defendants, fill in the above information as to the first-named defendant and complete the information for each additional defendant on an extra sheet.***

5. The municipality, township or county under whose authority defendant officer or official acted is Village of Addison IL. As to plaintiff's federal constitutional claims, the municipality, township or county is a defendant only if custom or policy allegations are made at paragraph 7 below.

6. On or about 08-01-2013, at approximately 7:56 ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m.  
(month, day, year)  
plaintiff was present in the municipality (or unincorporated area) of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, in the County of Dupage,  
State of Illinois, at College blv Addison IL 60101,  
(identify location as precisely as possible)

when defendant violated plaintiff's civil rights as follows ***(Place X in each box that applies):***

- ☒ arrested or seized plaintiff without probable cause to believe that plaintiff had committed, was committing or was about to commit a crime;
- ☒ searched plaintiff or his property without a warrant and without reasonable cause;
- ☒ used excessive force upon plaintiff;
- ☒ failed to intervene to protect plaintiff from violation of plaintiff's civil rights by one or more other defendants;
- ☒ failed to provide plaintiff with needed medical care;
- ☒ conspired together to violate one or more of plaintiff's civil rights;
- ☐ Other:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Defendant officer or official acted pursuant to a custom or policy of defendant municipality, county or township, which custom or policy is the following: **(Leave blank if no custom or policy is alleged):** \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plaintiff was charged with one or more crimes, specifically:

Criminal Trespass To Real Property, and three  
counts of Obstructing A Peace Officer

9. **(Place an X in the box that applies. If none applies, you may describe the criminal proceedings under "Other")** The criminal proceedings

☒ are still pending.

☐ were terminated in favor of plaintiff in a manner indicating plaintiff was innocent.<sup>1</sup>

☐ Plaintiff was found guilty of one or more charges because defendant deprived me of a fair trial as follows \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Examples of termination in favor of the plaintiff in a manner indicating plaintiff was innocent may include a judgment of not guilty, reversal of a conviction on direct appeal, expungement of the conviction, a voluntary dismissal (SOL) by the prosecutor, or a *nolle prosequi* order.

10. Plaintiff further alleges as follows: **(Describe what happened that you believe supports your claims. To the extent possible, be specific as to your own actions and the actions of each defendant.)**

I was at a Bar B Que when Detective S. Byers #367, Detective D. Alaimo #374 and Sgt. E Zedrow of Bensenville police department rode past and thought I was my little brother. I was located in College Park Apartments 938 college blv in the back of the building. The officers came into the complex parked in the front as I was going to get cigarettes the came running around the buildings. I walked out of the gate noticed they were coming in my direction and got down on my knees and put my hands behind my back and said I didn't do anything. I was instantly knocked to the ground when they approached, hand cuffed, and kneed constantly in my back the most while they called me Lucas and accused me of knowing that I had a warrant and saying that they caught me.

I feel my 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments rights of U.S. Constitutional rights/under Color Law were violated.

11. Defendant acted knowingly, intentionally, willfully and maliciously.

12. As a result of defendant's conduct, plaintiff was injured as follows:

I had to take therapy for my back and use a lot of pain medication

13. Plaintiff asks that the case be tried by a jury. ☒ Yes ☐ No

14. Plaintiff also claims violation of rights that may be protected by the laws of Illinois, such as false arrest, assault, battery, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, conspiracy, and/or any other claim that may be supported by the allegations of this complaint.

**WHEREFORE**, plaintiff asks for the following relief:

- A. Damages to compensate for all bodily harm, emotional harm, pain and suffering, loss of income, loss of enjoyment of life, property damage and any other injuries inflicted by defendant;
- B. ☒ *(Place X in box if you are seeking punitive damages.)* Punitive damages against the individual defendant; and
- C. Such injunctive, declaratory, or other relief as may be appropriate, including attorney's fees and reasonable expenses as authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 1988.

Plaintiff's signature: Cleodis Bassette

Plaintiff's name *(print clearly or type)*: Cleodis Bassette

Plaintiff's mailing address: 922 College blv #101

City Addison State IL ZIP 60101

Plaintiff's telephone number: ( 773 ) 554-6943

Plaintiff's email address *(if you prefer to be contacted by email)*: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Plaintiff has previously filed a case in this district. ☐ Yes ☒ No

*If yes, please list the cases below.*

***Any additional plaintiffs must sign the complaint and provide the same information as the first plaintiff. An additional signature page may be added.***